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Community. Together.

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor... if you find yourself thinking, “Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won’t you be my neighbor?”, then it is likely you fall somewhere near the recently reported median age of 51.9 for Normandy Park residents and grew up watching “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood” on television. One line in the bridge of the opening song is, ***“I’ve always wanted to have a neighbor just like you”***. In this edition of *City Scene* entitled, “Community.

Together.”, the hope is to inspire you become *that* neighbor that others have always wanted. At the very least we hope to inspire you to be considerate of and extend grace to neighbors as we enter the summer season of celebrating and outdoor recreation. Parked cars, music and laughter might mean

graduates or fathers, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, National Night Out, Labor Day or just summer in the Northwest is being celebrated. Look for ways to add joy to celebrations by being the neighbor you’d want. Help us welcome those new to Normandy Park. In this edition we welcome Amy, our new City Manager, update you on city demographics and on funding for our new Civic Facilities.

We encourage folks to register preschoolers for in-person learning this fall at our temporary location, where fostering a life-long love of learning

continues with Director JaVohn. Articles feature local plants and marine life adventures and many amazing local volunteers. We hope this edition offers reason to celebrate life in Normandy Park and the strong sense of community we’re all building here. Read on for more *Community. Together...*

Our hope is to inspire you to become *that* neighbor that others have always wanted.



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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Economic Development Committee

1st Wednesday, 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)

Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon (if necessary)

Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

Council Study Session

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

Welcome Amy!

BY CITY STAFF

June 1st the city welcomed Amy Arrington, Normandy Park's new City Manager. She has hit the ground running, meeting in person with staff, members of Council and community members to begin building relationships and touring the city to get the lay of the land, while preparing her first reports for the June 8th Council meeting.

She brings many wonderful qualities and a well-suited skillset to lead our fine city staff team. Ms. Arrington has built her professional career working in local government. Most recently, she served as the city manager for Carnation, Washington and prior to that, served Davenport, Florida in the same capacity for ten years after assisting city managers in several cities throughout Florida and in Michigan. A graduate of Auburn University, she received her MA in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. We thought we'd ask for a few fun facts on a personal level so that as a community, we can all get to know her a bit more, TOGETHER.

— FUN FACTS —

Favorite movie?

It's a Wonderful Life. The movie is set in my favorite holiday time – Christmas (Halloween is a close second). But more importantly, I love the message of the movie. So many of us dream of a “big” life. But we must not forget that even the smallest act of kindness can make a tremendous impact in the lives of others and the community.



If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Salad and Baked Potato.

What would you sing at Karaoke night?

I try to avoid open mics because no one sings offkey better than me. But if inspired to perform, I would sing “It's My Life” by the great Bon Jovi!

If you could do anything for a day, what would it be?

I'd spend the day on the water. Whether the beach, a river, or a lake, the combination of beauty, power, and calmness of the water is so relaxing and enjoyable.

What makes you laugh most?

Telling stories from the past with family and friends.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being a loving Aunt to three wonderful nephews and one fantastic niece.

What do you do in your off hours?

Thanks to my sister, I have a new fitness routine. It involves weight training, some cardio, and tracking my macros (macronutrients).

What are you most looking forward to working in Normandy Park?

I am most looking forward to getting to know the community as we work together for the benefit of Normandy Park!



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ZEN MCMANIGAL, 1953-2021

Celebrating a Love of Community

BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY

In 1994, Zen McManigal joined a group of other like-minded Normandy Park residents as a founding member of the Normandy Park Arts Commission with a common mission to bring their love of art to the community. With grace and kindness for all, as a mentor to anyone, and with the confidence that showed his fellow Arts Commissioners it was okay to dream, Zen brought new ideas to the city. He was the chair of the Arts Commission for 25 years and during this time he brought the annual Music in the Park series to Marvista Park, hosted annual arts festivals and was a co-judge at countless 4th of July bike decorating contests.

Many of us were blessed to have Zen share his life and his loves with us; his love of architecture, his love of art, his love of music, his love of soccer, and his love of his family. Because behind everything Zen did, was his family.

Zen's Bio

Zen was born Zenith Lyle McManigal, Jr. on June 12, 1953 in Boulevard Park just outside of Seattle. He was a graduate of Glacier High School and went on to get his Masters of Architecture from the University of Washington, where he graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.



Zen at his daughter's wedding

Zen moved to Normandy Park in 1988 with his wife, Jill and newborn son, Shea. He coached both his son and daughter Aislinn's West Highline soccer teams for a combined 10 years. Zen also volunteered his time with the Northwest Ethics Institute, where he penned a number of thoughtful articles on the importance of ethics, and he was invited to speak at many schools and institutions as an activist for art, architecture and music in the community.

Zen spent over 35 years as an architect designing residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional projects that have enhanced the landscape of his home state of Washington as well as other cities around the country. He started his career in the office of noted Northwest architect Ralph Anderson and was then the Design Principal of Shavey McManigal Architects before he started his own practice, McManigal & Associate Architects, in 2004.

Zen shared his passion for life with anyone who would listen. He was an avid soccer fan and inaugural season ticket holder for the Sounders. He loved traveling, especially to Hawaii, Disneyland, the Oregon Coast, and Europe. Every St. Patrick's Day you would find Zen at the Seattle Center taking in the live Irish music and he has always been proud of his Irish heritage. For Zen McManigal, there were few things better than an Irish pub and a properly poured pint of Guinness.

Zen lived in Normandy Park with his wife and two dogs until his passing on May 3, 2021. He is survived by his wife and three talented young adult children.



Shea McManigal (son),
Jill McManigal (wife),
Aislinn McManigal (daughter),
Zen McManigal



Zen and son Shea



Zen with daughter
Fawn McManigal



Zen and wife Jill

"Zen was **an amazing visionary** for all things art, music, and architecture in NP. It was an honor and privilege to work alongside Zen for 6 years."

- Amanda Leon

"Zen was **a gentle & kind person**. I was lucky to be around when he shared his love of architecture, art, and music. Peaceful travels Zen, your sunset is golden." - Raymond Street

"Zen was **an amazing contributor** to the Normandy Park scene and will be greatly missed."

- Nadia Counter, Arts Commissioner

"Zen re-designed our house, and life! We trusted him with our home mostly because he had the best taste in music and was **totally committed to getting everyone on the same tempo**; which usually meant to slow down, enjoy conversation, listen carefully and to sway to the tunes. From our home, to our music in the park and beyond, we will keep the harmony Zen shared ringing."

- Anna, Derek and Rhea Pierce

"Zen was **an example of what a good leader is** for me. He embodied what it means to be a public servant, and with his passion for music and art he brought that influence with him to every event that I had the privilege of attending with him. Commissioner, neighbor, friend and mentor, Zen's presence will be missed." - Amber Nichol

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Civic Center Project-Rescale and Rightsize

BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

In August of 2020, Miller Hull Architects estimated the Civic Center Project to cost \$21.2 million, not including 50% more towards added cost for furniture, fixtures, equipment, hazardous material handling and many others. For a community of 6500+ this price tag was definitely on the high-end of the spectrum, but not completely out of reach with modifications. The estimated cost of \$21.2 million provides for a much larger gymnasium and administrative offices were designed to accommodate for modest growth in the organization while having the flexibility to divide rooms to adapt to programs or need for space. Maybe the City didn't need all the space and flexibility.

At the request of City Council, the Capital Committee was charged with the following tasks:

1. Determine funding capacity for the Civic Center Project
2. Discuss funding for Interim Recreation Programming

Councilmembers, staff, and members of the community formed the Capital Committee to discuss funding capacity for the Civic Center project. The task was to determine a sum figure as a basis by which to scale down the Civic Center Project to a more affordable price tag. After four consecutive weeks of meetings, the Capital committee collectively determined the following breakdown of funding for the Civic Center Project below and has forwarded the information to the Facilities Steering Committee so this committee can further discuss and make recommendations to modify or rightsize the original Miller Hull Architects design.



The Capital Committee also discussed Interim Recreation Programming funding. City staff reported that the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) funds have been depleted over the years for various park improvement projects, signage, and general operational needs of the parks and fields as well as recreation programming.

Similar to the City's finances, the MPD is limited to a 1% growth in property taxes and this 1% increase has not been sufficient to cover the increasing cost of labor, supplies, or contract work, which has been increasing by 3% - 6%. Councilmembers and members of the community discussed grant options or donations from businesses or non-profits to help offset the costs of recreation programs. An entity (individual or business) can make a donation to the City anytime with a declaration of how the funds will be used. Grant options will be reviewed further once the Parks Planner position is filled.

Discussions around the future Civic Center Project will continue to take place and you are encouraged to participate. Visit www.normandyparkwa.gov and select the Events menu to join a future meeting. Let's build the Normandy Park community, together.

PROJECT BUDGET BREAKDOWN

\$ 5,000,000	Private Donations		
\$ 2,000,000	Real Estate Excise Tax/Metropolitan Park District		
\$ 2,000,000	Partnership Grants applied for by Non-profits		
\$10,000,000	Voter Approved Bond		
\$19,000,000	Total Funding capacity-Civic Center Project	\$ 12,667,000	\$ 19,000,500
	Earmark grant from Senator Murray's Office- Funding must be used only for work that would lead to achieving LEED Gold Certification for the	Total Construction excluding soft costs	Total Construction Cost with Soft Cost estimated at 50%
\$ 2,000,000	Civic Center Project		



NEIGHBORLY NUMBERS

CITY POPULATION APRIL 2020: 6,670

PERCENT POPULATION 18 AND OVER: 82.8%

PERCENT POPULATION 65 AND OVER: 27%

MEDIAN AGE OF POPULATION: 51.9 YEARS

**PERCENT RACE - ONE RACE: 86.9% WHITE; 0.6% BLACK;
8.6% ASIAN; 5.8% HISPANIC (OF ANY RACE)**

PERCENT ADULTS 25 YEARS+ WITH BACHELOR DEGREE: 52.7%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$89,313

PER CAPITA INCOME: \$52,539

**PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOMES BELOW
POVERTY LEVEL: 5.7%**

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE: 2.3 PEOPLE

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS: 3,017 UNITS

PERCENT OF HOUSING THAT ARE ATTACHED UNITS: 30.9%

PERCENT OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: 74.4%

PERCENT RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: 25.5%

MEDIAN HOME VALUE FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED: \$635,600

MEAN (COMMUTE) TRAVEL TIME IN MINUTES: 27.1 MINUTES

**PERCENT OF POPULATION: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME
OTHER THAN ENGLISH: 10.3%**

PERCENT OF POPULATION: DISABLED : 14.8%

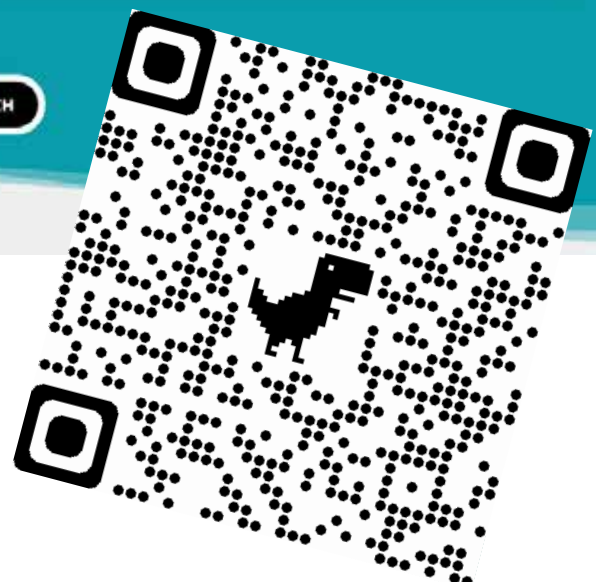
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Community. Together.

BY NICHOLAS MATZ, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

If we answer the question “Where do I live,” how do we answer?

Merriam-Webster has seven definitions of *neighborhood*, and includes noun, adjective, and verb forms in its definition of the word *neighbor*.

Neighborhood is one of the more comfortable words employed

by city planners and community developers; it brings to mind belonging, sense of place, and identity. It also appears in front of more complex concepts in community building, such as neighborhood engagement and responsibility.

It is used geographically too, to define limits to an area and to assure our legitimacy in living there. We live in neighborhood census tracts, or areas where money is spent, defined by map lines. We have zip codes, and delivery service areas. We try so hard to cram square neighborhood pegs into round area holes; the lines on the map are never what the people who live there think they are.

Neighborhoods—and neighbors—come together, in traditional and nontraditional ways. For every street and sidewalk, for every subdivision built by a particular developer, we are also connected by architectural style, and by homeowner or building associations. We are connected



to neighborhood by grids, in the water and sewer, the power lines, and the cable Wi-Fi that services four, or fourteen, or forty houses at a time. We are connected by streams and water and the devices that guide them—who would have thought streams and driveways and catch basins are connected parts of neighborhood?

Neighborhoods come together financially too. Americans find their net worth defined by their housing ownership, and thus home and house become co-defined with mortgage and assessment. Rules define this relationship; they have been called zoning and building code, and include concepts like assessed value and market rate. Government does its part by applying zoning and market rules in the same way every time. But this is a sore point. Sometimes neighbors just do stuff to poke someone else's eye. Trying to achieve a shared understanding is just not in the cards when the neighbor's idea of urban design is three junk cars and a plywood shed.

So neighborhood also includes enforcement, and “coding-up.”



We have tools to move back towards shared understanding: a brand new NPMC Title 19, King County Dispute Mediation Services, and architects, and builders, and crafts people, and biologists, and engineers for guidance. And we do have a bottom line for people who think that neighbor is only themselves. Ask yourself if *you* want to live next to you!

But you remain the expert in your neighborhood, in your house. It is you who we look to in defining our neighborhoods, and our neighbors. Even in the midst of change, we see our families and households changing. We form and reform our relationships and neighborhoods, and we worry about the financial impacts to cost and to market, in our children's (and our friends children's) ability to live as we have. We worry about selling, and views, and expectations about the financial responsibility of living in a neighborhood, and sometimes we worry just about doing what we want to do.

But we continue to do it... *together!*



Be a Good Neighbor and Still Enjoy the Fourth of July

BY POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF

The rules concerning fireworks can be found in the Normandy Park Municipal Code. Just like last year, the hours for fireworks this year are 6pm–1am July 3rd and 4pm–11pm on July 4th.

- Fireworks can only be used on private property (with permission of the property owner obviously).
- It is unlawful to possess or discharge any fireworks in or on any public park, public open space, public playground, public street, public road, public right-of-way, or other publicly owned property in the City of Normandy Park.
- Only consumer fireworks are allowed. Any illegal fireworks will be seized and the owner cited.
- Be neighborly—clean up after yourself!



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Taking Stock of Normandy Park's Business Community

BY NICHOLAS MATZ, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

From Dunn Lumber on First Avenue to the new Bistro Baffi at Towne Center, Normandy Park's business community has both succeeded and struggled during the pandemic. Over the last year, equally as many "Parkers" have succeeded and struggled to launch and sustain home-based businesses. There is no doubt that the human and economic impacts of COVID-19 have negatively affected our business communities.

Therefore, we recognize that now is the time to take stock. In partnership with the City of Normandy Park, the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce is conducting the 2021 Normandy Park Business Survey, a successor to their previous survey in 2019. This online survey is an effort to hear the voices of the Normandy Park business community and will help support and align the City Council's land use, economic development, and transportation decisions as it continues work on the Economic Development Implementation Plan adopted in 2020.

Since 1988, Seattle Southside Chamber has been uniting the business community under the founding principle, "Together we are stronger." The nonprofit membership organization advocates for and provides valuable resources to the Southside business community. This is especially true during the pandemic with initiatives such as the SMART Webinar Series, Southside Promise grant program, and Safe Start Kit distribution. Together with the Highline Small Business Development Center, the Chamber provides resources to help grow our businesses and to help engage and educate our community.

Your response to the survey will help the Chamber and Highline Small Business Development Center to supplement the work being done by the city's economic development consultant ECONorthwest. The Chamber's data collection and analysis of the community and businesses here in Normandy Park will form a significant part of this outreach effort.

Please take the time to respond by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPSurvey21>. For more information about the survey, please email Andrea H. Reay at Andrea@SeattleSouthsideChamber.com. If you would prefer to participate in the survey over the phone, you can do so by calling the Chamber at (206) 575-1633 during normal business hours. We look forward to hearing from you and serving you!

Andrea H. Reay is the President/CEO of Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, "A voice for business, a leader in the community." Seattle Southside Chamber has served the communities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and Tukwila since 1988. For more information about the Chamber, including a full list of member benefits and resources, please visit their website at SeattleSouthsideChamber.com

Appreciating You!

BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to connect to your community and meet new people. If you are on a committee or commission or participating on an ivy pull event for the City, you are providing your time and energy and serving the Normandy Park community by volunteering your time. The City of Normandy Park benefits from a number of volunteers.

Serving as the City's Finance Director, I have the opportunity to work with Normandy Park residents on developing the City's biennial budget, which includes two calendar years. Every other year, I review the City's budget with residents like you. Sometimes they have a financial background. Other times, they do not, but they are simply interested or curious. Reading about City finances may not be interesting, but through participation in the Budget Advisory Group meetings, you would have learned that 72% of the property taxes you pay to the City is spent towards providing police services and keeping the Normandy Park community safe.

While discussions around finance may not seem the most appealing way to spend your time, you may be surprised at what you'll learn or your ability to make a difference. During a coffee break last month, I thanked resident and Budget Advisory Group volunteer, Kathleen Quong-Vermeire for her time in helping with the City's budget for the last six years and asked if she can share a few words. "I volunteer as a way to give back to the community.

Participating in the budget process enabled me to request additional funding for emergency preparedness. It is important to me to live in a safe community and it is a great way to meet new people."

Lila Hawks moved to the City about six years ago and joined the Budget Advisory Group for the first time. "I wanted to have a better understanding of how the City manages its finances. Being on this committee, I learned some history about Normandy Park and insight into current issues", shared Ms. Hawks.

So whether you are a new resident

or have been in the community long term, it is not too late to volunteer. The City has several committees to join. You can check them out at www.normandyparkwa.gov under the Government Heading or sign up for e-notice to receive news and updates about Normandy Park. Thank you for all those who volunteer with the City! A special thank you to my Budget Advisory Group members, especially Kathleen Quong-Vermeire and Lila Hawks who gave input on how the City uses your tax dollars to continue delivering high quality service and experience to residents of Normandy Park.

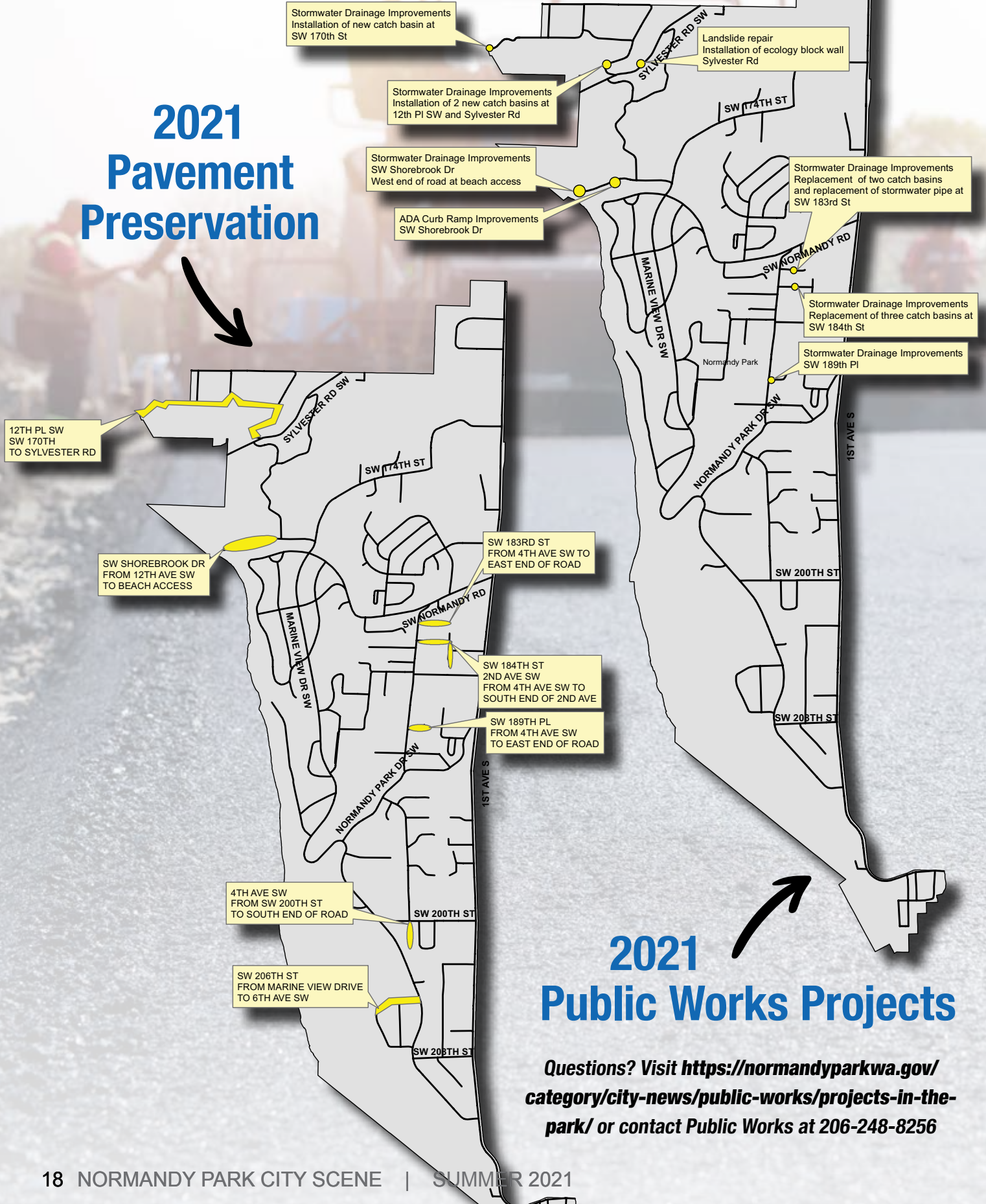


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Questions? Visit <https://normandyparkwa.gov/category/city-news/public-works/projects-in-the-park/> or contact Public Works at 206-248-8256

Normandy Park Preschool is Now Enrolling for the 2021-22 School Year!

BY JAVOHN PERRY, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR/TEACHER

Normandy Park Preschool is excited to announce that we are returning to in-classroom instruction this upcoming fall. Although there have been some changes, we are so excited about returning to preschool in person. We are open for registration and can't wait to serve our community families.

Our goal at Normandy Park Preschool is to prepare students for kindergarten and a life-long love of learning. We have three age groups of classes. Each group acts as a stepping stone to reaching kindergarten. At Normandy Park Preschool, we use a combination of play-based learning and intentional teaching strategies to achieve this goal of preparing students for kindergarten.

Our 2 ½ – 3 ½ class works on learning things like colors, the alphabet, shapes, counting and numbers. This group of students also works on fine motor skills such as coloring and cutting practice. Our 3 ½ – 4 ½ class

builds on the skills learned in the previous class while also learning new skills such as name tracing, calendar, and letter sounds. Finally, our Pre-K class continues to build on previous skills while diving deep into the early math and literacy skills needed for kindergarten.

All age groups learn social and emotional skills through free play, show and tell classroom jobs, and circle time. We also read stories, have music time, recess, and many more things here at Normandy Park Preschool.

If you are interested in registering a student into our program or if you have any questions, please contact our Program Director, JaVohn Perry, at (206)-248-8272 or jperry@normandyparkwa.gov.

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Restoring Habitat in Your Own Backyard

BY: CAROLINE BOSCHETTO, KCD COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Meandering the scenic, canopy-covered understory of the O'Donnells' Normandy Park property, it is easy to forget you are in a residential neighborhood.

It is also hard to imagine that less than five years prior the property's stream banks, now lushly populated with native ferns, flowering shrubs, and young trees, were smothered by invasive English ivy and Himalayan blackberry. Through King Conservation District's Urban Shorelines & Riparian Habitat Improvement Services, Ken and Lita O'Donnell have since transformed nearly a third of an acre of their land into a native plant paradise.

According to Ken, their desire to restore local habitat and preserve their property's stream, which feeds into Walker Creek, were major factors driving their restoration project.

"You can put in as much or as little effort as you want as an individual property owner," Ken said. "I want to do what I can on my property to protect it."

Restoring shoreline habitat through native planting not only provides shelter and food for wildlife but also helps filter pollutants from surface runoff water before it flows back into the Puget Sound. Additionally, native foliage provides shade



to help cool stream temperatures for spawning salmon.

The ivy infestation also posed a serious hazard to the 100-year-old Alder and coniferous trees on the property, which

were choking under the weight of the vines. The family sought out habitat restoration work to beautify their land as well.

"I also think it looks nicer aesthetically, much better than a huge monoculture of ivy or blackberry," Ken and Lita's son, Kieran O'Donnell, said.

In the fall of 2016, Ken first learned about KCD's restoration programs through Normandy Park's *City Scene* magazine and was inspired to apply to have a project done on his property. The cost-share funded project was approved. In the spring of 2017, a Washington Conservation Corps crew showed up with tools at the ready to begin removing invasive foliage and planting 1,070 native plants along both sides of 270

feet of stream shoreline.

Kieran, who was studying Environmental Science at the time, went on to join one of KCD's Conservation Corps crews himself and is now serving a second term with KCD as their AmeriCorps Riparian Habitat Stewardship Coordinator. He assists with projects similar to

that on his family's property, and will be helping monitor and transition the maintenance of the project site this year.

"It gives you more of an appreciation for the work that's being done when

you've benefited from the same process," Kieran reflected.

The O'Donnells hope that others will be inspired to restore habitat on their properties as well. Ken and Kieran say their family has been very pleased with the process and results of the project. They have recently been working on creating a trail to better enjoy the ravine.

"We couldn't be happier," Ken said. "We're living in a forest!"



Check out KCD's website to access free resources and services to help you best steward your land. If you are interested in receiving information on starting a habitat restoration project on your property, contact ashley.allan@kingcd.org.





CODE

BY CITY STAFF

CORNER

Would YOU want to live next to you?

If you read the vision statement in the City's Comprehensive Plan you'll see aspirations of attractive & affordable housing options, an enhanced overall quality of life, and preserving the character of and quality of single-family neighborhoods in Normandy Park.

Code compliance is vital to community development and code enforcement is a partnership to promote and maintain a desirable living and working environment. These goals can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone involved. The City of Normandy Park is committed to maintaining quality neighborhoods and an excellent community environment.

This is where the Normandy Park Municipal Code or NPMC comes into play. The intention of the code is to preserve community standards and protect health, welfare and quality of life. Visit the Normandy Park Municipal Code at <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/NormandyPark/> for more information on the following

- Property upkeep and maintenance standards
- Abandoned garbage or debris
- Overgrown vegetation, outdoor storage, vehicle storage regulations
- Maintaining appearance, function, and property values of a neighborhood.
- Stormwater drainage

Sometimes compliance may be too much for a property owner to handle, either financially or physically. One option available for home owners is the King County Housing Repair Program. This program provides repairs such as replacing your roof, installing a new septic system, repairs addressing emergency conditions, health and safety repairs or major building preservation issues within the single family owner occupied home. Contact (206) 263-9095 for eligibility criteria and additional information.

Clearly, the legal abatement process can be expensive for you as property owner. We encourage you to do everything possible to voluntarily clean up and maintain your property. You may want to consider asking for assistance from family or friends.

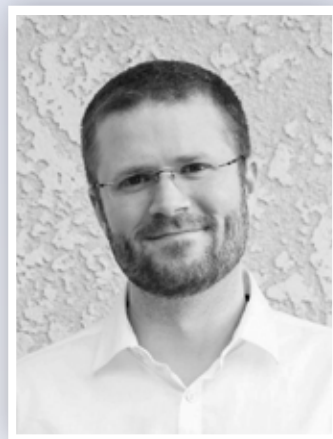
**We hope that you will work with us to maintain a positive community environment. Help us contribute to the success of this vision.
Contact Jessie Medrow at 206-248-8256 with questions.**

Making Your Mark in the Park

Normandy Park has 26 community-minded, passionate individuals serving on the city's commissions. These volunteer commissioners provide valuable leadership and contribute greatly to the success of the city through active participation on the Arts, Parks, Civil Service, and Planning Commissions. Thank you for your service to Normandy Park!



"Volunteering for the Park's Arts Commission has introduced our family to some wonderful people and lifelong friends. Supporting the arts, with friends, is incredibly gratifying."
--Anna Pierce, Arts Commissioner



"Normandy Park is a very unusual place in western Washington, and I know that by volunteering I can help protect and strengthen the characteristics which make it so distinct: its beauty, its natural environment and habitat, and its welcoming and walkable neighborhoods."
--Eric Zimmerman, Planning Commissioner



"For me, the best part about volunteering is that it is another way of getting to know more of my neighbors and City staff who make this community great. The job that we do as Planning Commissioners is also a State statutory requirement and I get satisfaction in providing a valuable service to my community."
--Moir Bradshaw, Planning Commission Chair



"I enjoy being involved in local topics that impact the residents of Normandy Park and hearing their opinions." --Ryan Weller, Planning Commissioner



"Having the honor and privilege to work with Arts Commission Chairman Zen McManigal. The good lord took this pillar of the community far too soon. Having moved here a few years ago, I quickly found Zen to be the warmest, kindest, most welcoming, and most. member of the community. He was a great spirit who relished each moment. I watched him work tirelessly for the last two of his twenty-five years on the Commission. He was inclusive, respectful and thoughtful in his work to bring art and music to the community to enrich all of our lives. He will be dearly missed but not forgotten."--Mike Closson, Arts Commissioner

"We live a beautiful City that remains so because residents volunteer to remove ivy and invasive weeds in parks, pick up trash on beaches, monitor salmon runs in City streams and guard the regulations for shoreline development and critical environmental areas in the city. This last complex interplay of state, federal and City regulation and law maintains our unique environment with a real vigilance supplied in part by the Planning Commission. I enjoy being part of this process of research and voluntary collaborative vigilance as the City looks to the future but maintains values of the past." --Pat Pressentin, Planning Commissioner



"I have been a Civil Service Commissioner for about the past 15 years. It has been an excellent way for me to stay involved with the city as we meet with the Police Chief and discuss the issues facing the Normandy Park police department and its Officers. I am continually amazed at the level of commitment of the City to maintain and support the police department. Because of this commitment, Normandy Park is an incredible place to raise a family. I want to thank the officers and staff of the police department for the risks and sacrifices they take to keep us safe!" --Larry Shoemaker, Civil Service Commissioner

"I believe being a volunteer is one of the most satisfying things one can do! For myself, when I help out with a project or give my time on a committee, I am helping out my neighbors and community. But the actual work is accompanied by the additional benefit of being with other people. I build relationships and expand my circle of friends and that is what is fun! Volunteering also means you can say "no" when you want to, but I haven't had to do that very often. Being a volunteer here in Normandy Park is a great experience. Join up with an activity that speaks to your passion and lend a hand. You will always be appreciated!" --Ron Ebbers, Parks Commission Chair



Experiencing Our Wildlife Neighbors

BY STEPHEN BENZON, NORMANDY PARK RESIDENT AND PHOTOGRAPHER

The opportunity to see and photograph orcas on a paddleboard was the ultimate experience. I heard orcas were coming towards Normandy Park. It was a race to get my gear ready, board my truck, and get down to the beach.

Pulling into the parking lot, I jumped out of my truck, took my board off, and slung my waterproof bag with camera inside over my shoulder. After pushing off from shore and taking a few power strokes, I see a dorsal fin breaking water just north, halfway towards Three Tree. I know I will intercept them if I paddle straight west towards Vashon Island. My mind is racing; I get down on my board, get my gear out and ready, and put the camera viewfinder to my eye.



Seconds after getting ready, a fin is breaking water; the shutter release fires a burst. Then another surface; more bursts.

The orcas are giants in the water, 400 yards away; they are by me in seconds, heading towards Edgecliff. I see another sizeable dorsal fin about half a mile out. It appears the other orcas are heading towards Marine View Park. The last time I see them surface is close to the Des Moines Marina area.



I keep my photography on my paddleboard uncomplicated; camera, sunglass-floats, paddle, paddleboard. In summer I take a water bottle. I know the tides and weather forecasts.

The wildlife seems to glide by without noticing my presence. Harbor seals have become like water-dogs and swim to my board, play with my board leash, at times appearing they might even climb aboard, then go underneath and look



back at me underwater. They follow my board for about a mile, then another harbor seal joins us. I watch as they dart back and forth under my board.



We live with the wildlife in our domesticated shared spaces of tidelands, waterways, and beautiful parks. Today, ospreys fly above my board like a child's kite gliding in the air.



Normandy Park is a space "To Live." We can go outdoors, cross a street, walk a few blocks and find expanses of immense beauty. A wilderness of swimming and gliding wildlife living in their natural habitats. At home with us in harmony within our shared environments. This gift of space is uncommon; the tides ebb and flow, bald eagles, build a nest at a nearby park. We can hope for that day when an orca, gray whale, or dolphin swim by a paddleboard, and a camera bursts away at the wildlife just being itself.





Shakespeare in the Park 2021

BY ANNA PIERCE, ART COMMISSION CO-CHAIR

The Burien Arts Association and the City of Normandy Park are pleased to present two evenings of Shakespeare plays this summer in collaboration with Greenstage, noted for its summer Shakespeare productions in area parks.

Each of our plays this season feature characters braving the storm. Some are metaphorical, like the four lovers in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* lost in the woods in a storm of fairy magic. Others are literal, like Viola in *Twelfth Night* who lost her twin brother at sea, alone in an unfamiliar city searching for him; or Prospero in *The Tempest* who creates a storm to seek revenge on the very people who banished him to a secluded island. But in each play our heroes dig deep, gather their resolve and through love, friendship, camaraderie and forgiveness help each other find their way out of the storm.

Where: Marvista Park, 19900 4th Avenue SW, Normandy Park, WA 98166. There are restrooms, ample parking, and a very nice children's play area. Bring a picnic, blankets, and chairs.

Distancing of family groups on the grass and masks may be required depending on the state COVID-19 regulations at that time.

Cost: Free



Saturday, July 31, 7:30pm

Backyard Bard, an evening of abbreviated versions of *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night*



Saturday, August 7, 7:30pm

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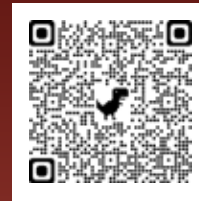
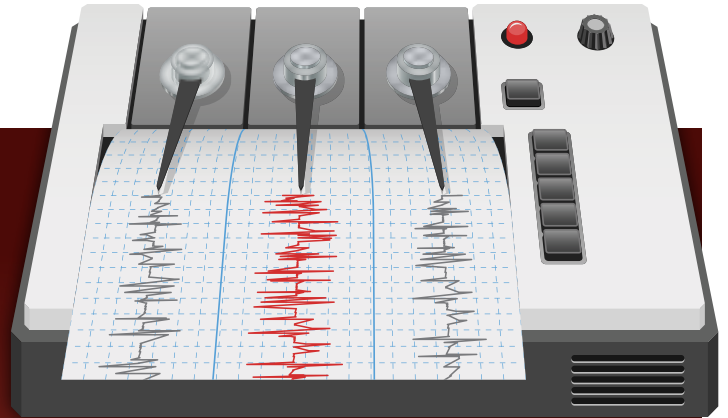
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